

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, March 20, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met March 20, 2012 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on March 14, 2012 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held March 13, 2012 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Anderson entered the meeting at 9:10 am.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 13, 2012 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss and Fintel; Abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, reported most of the work to the driveways and culverts was completed. Tom presented and explained 3 options for Road N that could be considered. Concerns the board had of each option was answered by Tom. The board asked Tom to rate all the bridges in the county for future work that may need to be done to them.

An agreement was received from the Nebraska Department of Roads concerning reimbursement for tying out land monuments for State Maintenance project Hwy 6 Ref Post 227-228.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement between Clay County Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to tie out land monuments as necessary for State Maintenance project Hwy 6 Ref Post 227-228 and receive reimbursement for those costs. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to open the public hearing at 9:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent and 17 members of the public were present for the public hearing. Tom Roemmich handed out and explained 3 options that could be considered for Road N. Tom explained that this bridge is a "fractured bridge" and can not be easily repaired as some others. Tom also explained that putting in a culvert was not a good option as it would cause flooding of roads & fields. The board asked the public for their



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concerns in closing the road. Several spoke stating that closing the road not only impacts the land owners adjoining this road, but also many businesses that use this road to serve area farmers needs. Some would also have to go quite a few miles out of their way to get to their farms on either side of this road. A representative from CPI also spoke stating that they wouldn't be able to serve their customers as easily and efficiently to deliver supplies. Another citizen who owned ground was concerned for future sales of their property that this closing would make it less desirable for someone to purchase. The board thanked the citizens for coming in with their concerns.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to close the public hearing at 10:02 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

After discussion the board decided that they would do Option #2 as presented by the Highway Superintendent.

Option #2

Clay County would replace Bridge #C180002525 with a new 28' x 50' bridge with a concrete deck similar to the bridge that was built 1 mile to the west. Bridge materials, erection, concrete and grading would cost \$125,000-\$150,000, at the current cost of steel. The county would also replace the small timber bridge located south of the river bridge with a metal culvert.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to adopt Option #2 for Road N as presented by the Highway Superintendent. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The board conducted the review of the custodian and addressed some concerns. Travis told the board of the sidewalk repairs needed, boiler repairs, issues with the fire sprinklers that will be repaired but is still covered under warranty. The board will do another review in 60 days.

A letter from Andersen Lawn Spraying with a proposal for spraying the courthouse yard again this year was discussed. The rates increased .075 due to rising fuel costs. This would be about \$32.35 more per application. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to retain the services of Andersen Lawn Spraying for spraying the courthouse yard in 2012; 3 applications at \$463.60 each. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Nationwide Retirement Solutions concerning changes to the designated investment options within the retirement plan's annuity contract was discussed. Board consensus was to not object to the changes.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 11:15 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for March 27, 2012. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors at 11:40 AM to meet with Ted Griess whom they thought would not be able to attend the



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meeting. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney, addressed questions concerning the Funeral Policy for Clay County, a resolution for property on the tax lists and overtime hours.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Nuss to adjourn this meeting at 12:05 P.M. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion Carried.

Danalee Nelson, Deputy County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman